

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS**

Minutes of: Regular Meeting of Milpitas City Council
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2006
Time: 6:00 PM (Closed Session)
7:00 PM (Public Business)
Location: Council Chambers, Milpitas City Hall,
455 East Calaveras Blvd.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Esteves called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Esteves, Vice Mayor Gomez, Councilmembers Giordano, Livengood and Polanski. Mr. Livengood arrived at 6:14 PM. Ms. Giordano arrived later.

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Esteves publicly stated the Council would convene in Closed Session to discuss the following three issues:

(1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

City of Milpitas v. Turner Construction et al., Santa Clara County Superior Court
Case No. 103CV815946 Consolidated with Case No. 103CV008400

(2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

City of Milpitas vs. City of San Jose, Case No. CV046013, Santa Clara County Superior Court

(3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

VCI Telecom, Inc. vs. City of Milpitas, Case No. 105CV051848, Santa Clara Co. Superior Court

The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:17 PM with Mayor Esteves presiding and all City Councilmembers present.

**CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Steve Mattas announced that Council voted 4-0 (with Councilmember Giordano absent) to authorize a settlement for the VCI Telecom litigation. The terms were that the City retained \$140,000 of the contract amount, and would make final payment of \$280,000 for services rendered. This brought the matter to a close.

PLEDGE

Boy Scouts Troop No. 92 Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Mayor Esteves offered a prayer.

MINUTES

MOTION: approve minutes of the April 18, 2006 City Council meeting, as submitted.

Motion/Second: Vice Mayor Gomez/Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried by a vote of:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

City Attorney Mattas announced a City Attorney Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 5:00 PM to be held at City Hall.

Vice Mayor Gomez announced the Finance subcommittee meeting was tomorrow.

MOTION: to approve the Schedule of Meetings, as amended

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Vice Mayor Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations:

- “Older Americans Month” was proclaimed by Mayor Esteves, and accepted by Andrew Chen.
- “Bike to Work Month” for May and “Bike to Work Day” on May 18, 2006 were proclaimed by the Mayor and accepted by Bill Reisinger, Chairman of the Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission.
- “Building Safety Week” was proclaimed for the week of May 7-13, 2006 and was accepted by Building Inspectors Dorsey Wiseman and Mike Mariano. Mr. Wiseman invited all to attend planned events, including a table at City Hall for “Homeowners Night” May 10 and throughout the City all week.
- “Water Awareness Month” was proclaimed for May and accepted by City of Milpitas Public Works Utility staff Glen Campi.

Certificates of Commendation:

- American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life” 2005 Event Top Fundraisers and Sponsors were honored by the Mayor. Event Chairman Bill Weisgerber spoke about the value of this important community event held last June (and will be held again this year). Top team and individual fundraisers were honored and presented with certificates of commendation.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a program to assist low income seniors and disabled persons with tax return preparation, was honored by the Mayor. Six individuals received certificates of commendation along with the VITA Site Coordinator Mr. Shahid Mujtaba, who provided a description of the program and their achievements.

PUBLIC FORUM

Friends of Bolivia representative Alex Rodriguez, was proud to join the library and specifically the VITA program in Milpitas. He announced that Bolivian cultural artifacts were on display at a new museum, which recently held a ribbon-cutting by Mayor Esteves.

Dee Sutton, United Way Silicon Valley, stated her organization was on a mission to improve the lives of people in this county, including Milpitas. She thanked the city for donations throughout the years and volunteers. Ms. Sutton announced a new telephone service called “2-1-1” a free 3-digit phone number for information during a crisis, and in non-crisis times for a great deal of information.

Karen Serpa stated her displeasure at remarks made by the Mayor regarding the name of the Barbara Lee Senior Center, as printed in the Milpitas Post newspaper last week. The article was printed after the recent re-naming of the Milpitas Senior Center in Ms. Lee’s honor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Livengood reported on two events he attended recently. First, the City employee recognition held last Tuesday and he was proud to have been there that day. Second was the ceremony held for Barbara Lee, a former Council member, to honor her by renaming the Senior Center and to thank her for service. He remarked on comments in Milpitas Post.

Councilmember Giordano, noted her attendance at the same two events that she enjoyed, especially as the M.C. at the Senior Center. She thanked Bonnie Greiner and Recreation staff for the excellent Barbara Lee re-naming event.

Councilmember Polanski announced she had a memorandum from the Community Advisory Commission to distribute to the City Council, regarding efforts on a community wide survey. The CAC received 37 responses and copies were distributed. In the future, that Commission would determine if some responses could be part of its future workplan.

Councilmember Polanski had one request for staff. With Abel St. becoming one lane near the Milpitas Post Office, and the post office more popular, driving in and out in that area has become hazardous. Can more parking be made available or some positive changes made in this part of the City? She asked staff to look into that matter, and City Manager replied he would do so.

Mayor Esteves thanked City staff for the recent Arbor Day celebration. He announced a Health Fair offered by Suchee Foundation on May 7, at 175 Vince Rd, 10 am – 4 pm with a variety of services available. The City also sponsors a May 16 Health and Resource Fair at the Senior Center. He congratulated new restaurant Bleu Ginger on S. Abel St., and thanked seniors who worked hard for the new Senior Center.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

Councilmember Livengood asked the City Attorney about the conflict announcement. City Attorney Steve Mattas responded that the general nature of the conflict should be announced.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Vice Mayor Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended

Councilmember Giordano requested to place Item No. 6 on the Consent Calendar
Vice Mayor Gomez requested to place Item No. 8 on Consent also.

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Councilmember Polanski

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

*** 6.** Donation to Student for
Junior National Youth
Leadership Conference Travel

Approved the Mayor's recommendation of a \$500 donation to student Quy Hoa Le, in to order to help defray registration and travel costs for attendance at the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. later this year.

*** 8.** Resolution in Support of
County Measure B, Renewal of
the Santa Clara Co. Park Charter

Adopted Resolution No. 7584 in support of County Measure B, the Renewal of the Santa Clara County Park Charter.

*** 9.** Donation Of Funds For A
Park Bench At The City Of
Milpitas Dog Park

1. Accepted donation of \$129 from Ms. June Edwards.
2. Approved budget appropriation for \$129 into the CIP No. 5010 account.
3. Approved purchase of a park bench for \$129 from CIP No. 5010 account.

*** 10.** Resolution Requesting the
Allocation of Transportation
Development Act, Article 3
Funds for School Safety
Improvements Project

Adopted Resolution No. 7585, Requesting the Allocation of Transportation Development Act, Article 3 Funds for a School Safety Improvements Project, in the amount \$51,307.

* **11.** Agreement with the State Dept. of Transportation regarding So. Park Victoria Dr. Pavement Rehabilitation

Adopted Resolution No. 7586 Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute an Agreement with the State of California, Department of Transportation regarding South Park Victoria Drive Pavement Rehabilitation, Project No. 4225.

* **12.** Transfer of Real Property to Valley Transportation Authority

Authorized the Transfer of Real Property to Valley Transportation Authority and Acceptance of Correctional Deeds from Valley Transportation Authority; Tasman Extension – Great Mall Parkway to I880, Project No. 4133 with these two actions:
1. Authorized City Manager to convey the deeded parcel for the VTA substation to VTA.
2. Authorized City Manager to accept correctional deeds from the VTA.

* **13.** Reject Bid Protest and Award Construction Contract for Berryessa Pump Station

Rejected bid protest from second lowest bidder and awarded construction contract to Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction in the amount of \$582,315, for Project No. 8138, Berryessa Storm Pump Station located at Hidden Lake Park.

* **14.** Award the Bid for Traffic Control System

Awarded bid for the Traffic Control System to Iteris for the not to exceed amount of \$59,477.96.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Approve Major Tentative Map No. MA2004-3 and Zone Change No. ZC2004-1 for 5-lot subdivision and rezone from Agriculture to Single-Family Residential (R1-6), at 2016 Calaveras Rd

Planning Director Tom Williams presented the request to approve the tentative map for the project at 2016 Calaveras Rd, where a zoning change was needed to build two new homes on the five-lot subdivision. He described the area, where Los Coches Creek runs behind the proposed development. The Planning Commission had approved this project.

In addition, Mr. Williams identified five trees that would be saved on property including four olive trees.

Vice Mayor Gomez asked about a warning signal at the intersection of Piedmont and Calaveras. Councilmember Livengood inquired about speeders going in and out there and was the warning signal sound there for control? Staff replied yes. He also asked if all houses in the development were connected to City sewer and staff replied yes.

Mayor Esteves asked about the traffic pattern in that section of the City and expressed his desire to have a reduction of traffic accidents.

Councilmember Polanski was concerned about the driveways there. She asked if there were any future plans to put a traffic signal at that location. Traffic Engineer Jaime Rodriguez replied no, since the traffic count volume per City surveys do not call for it at this time, and then described the surveys that have been done.

The Mayor asked for comments from the public.

Applicant Sylvia Leong introduced her brother and sister, whom she would recommend to join the VITA program next year during tax season. She owned the lot with her family and looked forward to the appropriate development of their land. They had no request for any variance, and would work with City staff toward the goal of not cutting down the trees in the project area.

(1) Motion: to close the public hearing.

Motion/second: Councilmember Giordano/Vice Mayor Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0

(2) Motion: to approve the Major Parcel Map No. MI2004-3 and Zone Change No. ZC2004-1, subject to the attached Findings and Special Conditions, including environmental concerns noted in staff report.

Motion/second: Councilmember Giordano/Councilmember Livengood

Motion carried by a vote of:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

2. Preferred Plan – Reduced Residential for Transit Oriented Development in BART Area

Planning and Neighborhood Services Director Tom Williams introduced the plan for the Council's consideration of two alternatives. Council was to consider an Alternative Draft Preferred Plan and a Draft Preferred Plan for Reduced Residential for Transit Oriented Development in the Study Area Surrounding the Future Montague/Capitol Bart Station and Two Existing Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) Light Rail Line Stations. Mr. Williams explained and displayed that the transit area development was broken into five sub-areas.

After this meeting and receiving direction from Council, staff would move forward on the draft Environmental Impact Report next. Mr. Williams stated that 22% of the tasks were completed for the Transit Area Specific Plan. Quarterly staff reports were due to the City Council routinely.

Mr. Williams next introduced the consultant team representative Ms. Leslie Gould from Dyett & Batia. She provided a lengthy review of the options and details the City Council needed to consider when making a selection between the two proposed alternatives.

Councilmember Livengood asked the consultant why there was an identified need for another Fire Station. An analysis showed with the great increase in the number of residents (up to 14,000 new residents), it could require another engine company. This was partly determined in her discussion with Fire Department staff.

Mr. Bill Lee, the economic consultant on this plan, addressed the City Council describing in detail the economic impacts and some of the consequences of the transit plan in Milpitas. He spoke to the 4400 residential units with potential for 20% more and of the 500,000 new retail square feet.

Councilmember Livengood asked questions with regard to fairness to landowners, when property exchange for park space was necessary.

Mr. Lee gave an overview of the Preferred Plan and of the Alternative. He identified the application of a Community Facilities District (started one year ago) required for new development in this City in order to reach the General Fund balance necessary for services in the transit area. Additionally, Ms. Gould gave explanation of the need for a CFD, with the amount of residential vs. hotel and retail space volume, and the formula. Flexibility for the market discussed. For example, there would likely be strong demand for a new grocery store, as residents move into neighborhood.

Vice Mayor Gomez asked what did 20% retail look like, in a mixed use area (such as Santana Row)? Ms. Gould replied that was hard to answer, until more variables become known and that good model developments in other communities could serve to inform Milpitas.

Councilmember Giordano commented on density and the retail strategy. Ensuring that the City would maximize housing near transit has been the philosophy. So, she leaned toward the maximum number of housing units in the transit area. She also read aloud some comments she had received with regard to the retail needs in the area.

Councilmember Polanski agreed with Mr. Livengood, in terms of questioning the need for any additional fire station, with Fire Station #1 close by this study area. She expressed her concerns for the retail percentage proposed and for the schools needed in the area, and mentioned possible joint use of facilities. She expressed her preference for higher density for residential development.

Mr. Williams reported that he had spoken in detail with Great Mall owner Mills Corp. There was some discrepancy of land use, and Mills would like to expand its retail in the area, not necessarily at the Great Mall.

Mayor Esteves also liked the more residential idea. He asked how many people would this development add to the City? 16,000-18,000 residents would come to Milpitas. Ms. Gould expressed that more staffing and other City services would be needed, as the study provided information noting utility needs, streets, public safety and other needs.

Mayor Esteves asked for public comments during the public hearing.

Yvonne Ryzack, representing the Herstein family on Gladden Ct., expressed a lot of excitement about the development in this area. They were shocked about land needed for parks and she knew the need for high density/high quality development, understood the City would want to take some property for a road. She asked Council to “spread out the pain” for landowners. She wanted to help figure out how to make this work and she expressed gratitude to City staff with whom she had worked.

Jim Murrar, representing landowners, was happy with the vision of staff and Council. He was concerned about parks, and being fair with regard to land use for parks. He had a question about the Community Facilities District: regarding the \$550 cost for CFD outside the transit area. He wondered if there would be a three-tier system (those not subject to it, those outside the CFD boundary, and then \$550 for those inside it) and this topic needed clarification.

Dr. Karl Black, Milpitas Unified School District Superintendent, thanked Council for ensuring that the school district was included in planning. There would be a noted increase in school enrollment, and this was great compared to concerns of other towns having a decline. He did not want to bus kids across town, so a new school may be valuable, with additional concern about the size of the one Milpitas high school (reaching its capacity now with over 3000 students).

Ann Jameson, Valley Transportation Authority Deputy Director, spoke in favor of the Preferred Draft Plan, with densities that were good for BART and VTA. Some details she had not seen until this afternoon, and hoped to work with staff on details, and stay on the success of the project. Councilmember Livengood asked her about the bus area in the plan. Ms. Jameson replied, that with a station the size of the BART station, there was a need for an adequate bus facility to feed people coming into it, with fewer persons driving there, must provide bus areas, where it would not be a maintenance facility.

Steve Schott, Citation Homes, was an owner of some of the land in the project area. He preferred the Alternative Plan. He had served on City of San Jose task forces and mentioned that parks were always an issue. In San Jose, they worked to compensate property owners for fair share funding. He hoped the City and staff review this subject fairly for Milpitas.

(1) Motion: to close the public hearing

Motion/second: Vice Mayor Gomez/Councilmember Livengood

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

(2) Motion: support the Draft Preferred Plan with higher density levels, including the stated comments on the need for any new fire station, for the location of a grocery store and maintain equity toward land owners with flexibility as staff proceeds to next phase (Environmental Impact Report)

Mayor Esteves wanted to note what Dr. Black remarked on, with concern for schools (especially the high school included)

Motion/second: Councilmember Livengood/Vice Mayor Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

The City Council took a break at 9:55 PM and reconvened at 10:00 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Odor Control Update

Utility Engineer Darryl Wong provided the latest Odor Control Comprehensive Action Plan, and reviewed monthly reports of odor complaints. The plan included three segments: 1. Odor Complaint Report, 2. Notification by Cities to possible sources (industry), and 3. Corrective Action.

In the past, one restaurant generated five complaints, while there had been a decreasing trend of complaints overall. Complaints have been seasonal. For residents and persons in the community, Mr. Wong announced again that 1-800-334-6367 is the complaint phone number. He encouraged residents to call in, whenever an unpleasant or unusual odor was noticed in the City of Milpitas.

Several Councilmembers expressed their satisfaction that the City continued to monitor odor complaints and take action when needed.

Mayor Esteves asked what was the best thing done in plan overall? Staff responded that contacting the odor generators to correct the source, and that such notifications have allowed for improvements in the City. Over time, the situation has become better. Weather stations were installed to monitor wind direction and temperature used as consideration for operations. Also, the use of Best Management Practices to reduce exposure of substances that cause odor has assisted with improvement.

Councilmember Livengood provided staff with some feedback on improvement to the information noted on the City's website, to lead folks to the notification phone number.

Motion: note receipt of oral report

Motion/second: Vice Mayor Gomez/Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

4. Development System/online Permitting Recommendations

Information Services Director Bill Marion and Chief Building Official Keyvan Irranejad gave a brief overview of the history of building and planning permitting process to date, explaining the need for the upgrade to a new modern, online system that will benefit the public, builders, and others involved in new construction in Milpitas.

The development system was not simply for online permitting. Mr. Marion noted the benefits of internal as well as inter-department processing. The City would implement online capability, with better tracking of project fees and permits. The system would allow for more work, with the high projected increases in permit issuance and inspections, per Mr. Irranejad. The greatest benefit to the new permitting system was the integration between departments: Building, Planning, Finance, and Fire Inspection.

Mr. Marion described the Request for Proposals process, determined a five-year cost, and determined what to collect in fees to cover the costs over a number of years. The City Council was provided with three options for cost recovery. 100% cost recovery was

planned with users paying for the enhancements, and yielding better services overall.

Mayor Esteves asked how the new program would compare to other cities, for example Sunnyvale. Mr. Marion mentioned several cities staff had visited. Mr. Irranejad reported that more than 80 cities use the CRW product, such as South San Francisco, Redwood City, Tracy, Napa. Mr. Marion told the Council it would take six to nine months to implement the new software, with the significant efforts being data conversion, training and implementation of the phone system (Interactive Voice Response).

Mayor Esteves supported the 2.5% rate over seven years for cost recovery and requested support for that option. Vice Mayor Gomez asked what would happen after five years, for life cycle costs? Mr. Marion stated the City would likely not drop the system, but rather at the time needed, the City would upgrade the software.

Motion:

1. Direct staff to return with the implementing language for a permitting automation fee effective July 1, 2006, in an amount **2.5%**.
2. Approve the creation of a Capitol Improvement Project to implement an Online Permitting Development System and approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the Capital Contingency Reserve for project funding.
3. Award bid to CRW Associates for an automated development system.

Motion/Second: Councilmember Polanski/ Councilmember Livengood

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

5. Introduce Ordinance 48.17 on Solid Waste Management

Introduction of Ordinance 48.17 Amending Title V, Chapter 200, Section 3.20 of the Milpitas Municipal Code on Solid Waste Management, by Utility Engineer Darryl Wong:

Staff provided the explanation why the code needed to be updated: the City has some accounts where a common water meter serves several residents. For these cases, water bills are paid by an agent who represented the residents (such as a Home Owners Association), while solid waste bills are paid by the individual residents. The City has not discontinued water service for delinquent solid waste payments from these accounts, since such stop service would penalize not only the delinquent resident but also residents who have properly paid their bill. Staff found instances whereby new residents on common water accounts use solid waste services, but are not billed for the service since no move-in notification was provided to the City (this occurs since the resident does not have to start a water service account).

Mr. Wong proposed to update the Municipal Code to correct for this situation, and he provided some example townhouse condominium construction where this rule applied.

City Attorney read the title: An ordinance of the City of Milpitas Amending Section 3.20 Chapter 200, Title of the Milpitas Municipal Code, Relating to Solid Waste Management.

(1) Motion: Waive the first reading beyond title

Motion/Second: Councilmember Polanski/Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

(2) Motion: Introduce Ordinance 48.17

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Vice Mayor Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

RA 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Agency Chairman Esteves called to order the regular meeting of the Milpitas Redevelopment Agency, meeting jointly with the City Council, at 10:42 PM.

RA 2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor/Chair Esteves, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Gomez and Agency/Councilmembers Giordano, Livengood and Polanski

RA 3. MEETING MINUTES

Motion: to approve the Redevelopment Agency minutes of April 18, 2006 , including joint meeting with the City Council, as submitted.

Motion/Second: Agency/Councilmember Giordano/ Vice Chair/Vice Mayor Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

RA 4. Approval of Agenda and Consent Calendar

Motion: to approve the agenda and consent calendar

Items No. RA5 and No. RA 6 were removed for a later meeting date.

Motion/Second: Agency/Councilmember Giordano / Agency/Councilmember Polanski

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

RA 5. Draft 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program

This item was not discussed and would be for consideration at a later date.

RA 6. Proposed 2005-2010 Redevelopment Implementation Plan

This item was not discussed and would be for consideration at a later date.

RA 7. Financial Status Report for Nine Months Ended March 31, 2006

Finance Director Emma Karlen provided an oral status report on the financial status of the City and the Redevelopment Agency.

The General Fund revenues showed improvement during the last quarter. Nearly all categories of revenue have shown an increase from last year (especially sales tax revenue). For example, Fire Permit fees increased significantly.

Overall, the revised projection for revenue is about \$50.69 million (rather than \$46.15 million initially projected at the beginning of the current fiscal year). There had been some savings from supplies and contractual services in the expenditure categories.

With regard to revenues vs. expenditures, the \$6.1 million transfer of property from the Agency to the City planned to balance the budget in the current FY probably would not be necessary in full. The entire of the transfer to balance current FY most likely would not take place, and could then schedule the remainder of the transfer to next year. Ms. Karlen also reported some savings within the Redevelopment Agency this year

Councilmember Giordano noted that 71.34 % was the expenditure level to date, and asked was that down to the 95% funding level? Staff replied yes. Ms. Giordano said that was very good with efforts by staff to trim back on expenses.

Mayor Esteves inquired how to pay back the RDA for the \$1 million transfer? Staff explained there was no intention to pay it back, as this was a scheduled transfer of funds from one entity to the other.

Motion: Receive oral staff report

Motion/Second: Agency/Councilmember Polanski/ Agency/Councilmember Livengood

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

***RA 8.** Investment Portfolio
Status Report for the Quarter
Ended March 31, 2006

Received the Finance Director's investment report for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.

***RA 9.** Award Construction
Contract: North Main Street
Ground Abatement and Site
Preparation, Project No. 8154

1. Waived minor bid irregularities and awarded Construction Contract to Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$234,210.04, subject to review by the City/Agency Attorney.
2. Approved staff authorization of change order approval of \$30,000.

RA 10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair/Mayor Esteves adjourned the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 10:49 PM.

REPORT OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

7. Discussion of Past
Compensation Increases for City
and School District Employees

Mayor Esteves provided information to the public and his colleagues. He displayed on screen a chart (prepared last year by City staff) providing overall percentage increases to City employees for salary and benefits for Fiscal Years 02-05. Separately, he displayed another page of information from the Milpitas Unified School District regarding salary increases for district employees for the Fiscal Years 03-06.

He stated his intention was to clarify past increases between the City and the School district.

Councilmember Livengood stated that the Mayor did not include a large salary increase provided to the MUSD Superintendent of Schools. He had some slides he would like to show to the public also, and so asked the City Manager to agendaize what the City pays in salaries, and how Council arrived here for the next regular meeting.

Mayor Esteves publicly thanked the Milpitas Post for recently publishing all City employee salaries.

Mr. Mike Mendizabal, MUSD School Board member, came to the podium to address the Council. He had been quoted in the news previously about the raise provided to the Superintendent and stated no money from the proposed parcel tax was to go to the raise for Supt. Because it did not pass, there was no parcel tax money.

Councilmember Polanski hoped for more public decorum and respect toward speakers than shown tonight. She mentioned that clear information was needed for public. She referred to wages, benefits, the school board, and retiree medical benefits.

Vice Mayor Gomez questioned the fiscal years that were displayed on screen by the Mayor, trying to determine if the comparisons were for similar or different fiscal year.

No action was taken on this item.

NEW BUSINESS

Items adopted on Consent Calendar.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance discussed under Unfinished Business.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions were adopted on the Consent Calendar.

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Items were adopted on the Consent Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Esteves adjourned the meeting at 11:03 PM.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk